

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over various of the claims of each of U.S. Patent No. 6,749,818; U.S. Patent No. 6,649,057; and U.S. Patent No. 6,656,355. A terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) directed to U.S. Patent No. 6,749,818; U.S. Patent No. 6,649,057; and U.S. Patent No. 6,656,355 is submitted herewith to overcome this rejection.

Claims 4, 5, 8, 11, 12 and 15 are indicated in the Action as being allowable, but objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The rejections of claims 1 and 3 have been overcome. Thus, claims 4, 5, 8, 11, 12 and 15 are allowable in their present form.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2005, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of

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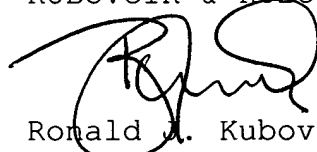
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time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

In the event any additional fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

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